

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1 - 8. Cancelled.

9. (Currently Amended) A functionalized particle comprising:

a functionalized particle, wherein the particle is selected from the group consisting of hydroxypropyl cellulose, N-isopropylacrylamide, and hyaluronan and a functionalized portion is a nitrogen-containing functional group, wherein the functionalized portion is directly associated with a tag, and wherein the particle is less than 1.0 mm in diameter; and

the tag is in contact with the functionalized particle.

10. (Previously Amended) The functionalized particle of claim 9, wherein the tag is an antibody.

11. (Previously Amended) The functionalized particle of claim 9, wherein the particle is for an ocular disease.

12. (Previously Amended) The functionalized particle of claim 9, wherein the functionalized portion is hydrazide or an amine.

13 - 27. Cancelled.